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Storm prompts fears of hampered recovery, more power problems

Ten days later, thousands in hard-hit areas still waiting for electricity, heat, hot water Bloomberg cautions storm could 'slow' utility workers

The nor'easter may blow out of the city today, but many fear the storm will derail recovery efforts and slam down more power lines, even as New Yorkers are still trying to salvage homes and lives from Hurricane Sandy.

Many have no homes — a Department of Homeless Services spokeswoman counted 3,152 evacuees as of yesterday morning, people whose homes have no lights or were completely destroyed.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg warned yesterday that the storm could slow down getting the city back on its feet.

He said the nor'easter, dubbed Athena, would likely strip time from utility workers and possibly down more power lines.

About 79,000 customers in the five boroughs did not have power as of yesterday, according to ConEd.

"It's just more work for the utility companies," Bloomberg said. "That slows it down a little bit."

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▶ The first snowfall of the season came yesterday in Staten Island, as residents still try to clean up from Sandy.

When lucky means a week without power

Hurtado's family was relatively lucky, she said, to only lose power for all of last week. During the storm, they stared out into the darkness, listening to the whipping winds and watching as transformers exploded one by one nearby. Still, she said, many friends were in hard-hit areas like Tottenville or Midland Beach, where people lost homes and even loved ones. METRO/AB

Public housing

Bloomberg said that in public housing developments, 70 percent of the places impacted by Hurricane Sandy have heat and hot water again. For power, 83 percent have their lights back on. "We still have 17 percent left to go," he conceded.

But he also called it "essential to get life in our hardest-hit areas back to normal. "

Some residents worried that rain and snow would hamper recovery.

Staten Islander Jessica Hurtado, 21, said she worried what the weather would mean for the crippled borough.

"Everyone's going back to a sense of normalcy everywhere else in the city," she said. "We're here trying to rebuild."

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In the news

Man gets 150 years for setting woman on fire

Jerome Isaac, 48, will serve 50 years to life for setting a 73-year-old woman on fire in an elevator last year, the Brooklyn district attorney's office announced yesterday. Isaac was sentenced to 25 years for murder and 25 years for arson, which he will serve consecutively. On Dec. 17, 2011, he doused Deloris Gillespie with gas and set her on fire. Isaac claimed she owed him money. METRO/DT

In the news

Rape attempt

Police are searching for a man wanted for a robbery and attempted rape in Brooklyn. According to the NYPD, a man approached a 38-year-old woman from behind on Saturday around 3 a.m. on 73rd Street in Brooklyn. He tried to rape the victim and stole her belongings, police said, before fleeing on foot. The man is described as black, in his 20s and 5-foot-5 to 5-foot-7. METRO/AB

G train up and running again

Just two days after a petition was launched online calling for alternate transportation options along two subway routes vital to Brooklynites, the MTA has restored full service on the G train.

The subway lines were two of the last routes to get back up and running after flooding from hurricane Sandy last week. People who live along the G and L train routes became so frustrated with the lack of service that Brooklyn Councilwoman Latitia James posted a petition on Change.org calling for shuttle service for stranded straphangers. It garnered more than 3,500 signatures from frustrated riders.

3,500
Signatures on a petition to get the G train running again

However, the MTA announced yesterday the G train was running and making all stops on its line from Church Avenue in Brooklyn to Court Square in Queens.

The L train, though, continues to run with limited service between Broadway Junction Station and Rockaway Parkway Station.

James reached out to MTA chair Joe Lhota, but said Wednesday she never heard back from him.

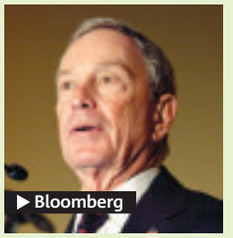
"I just know that it's the power of the people. I always give them credit."
COUNCILWOMAN LATITIA JAMES

When asked whether she believed her petition made a difference, she responded, "I just know that it's the power of the people. I always give them credit."

The MTA was monitoring the nor'easter that moved through New York City yesterday into today, but no service changes in response to the storm had been announced as of last night. METRO/CG

Petition

Thousands of New Yorkers signed a petition to get the G train back on track. It stated: ***"In the wake of an unprecedented natural disaster, we are greatly appreciative of the MTA's remarkable restoration of 84 percent of subway service. Yet we are extremely concerned about the lack of mass transit access for residents along the L and G subway lines. These trains are not redundant — but essential lifelines for hundreds of thousands of Brooklynites."***



▶ Bloomberg

Mayor, Airbnb team up to house refugees

NEW YORK. A site connecting those who need a spot to stay with homeowners with available space has teamed up with the mayor.

Accommodations-listing website Airbnb is encouraging users to list homes and spare rooms for free for Hurricane Sandy victims. Airbnb had already waived fees and urged users near affected areas to discount their spaces, and the site has now created a "List This Place for $0" button. METRO/DT

Etan Patz suspect out of jail, rearrested

PENNSYLVANIA. The man police long suspected of killing 6-year-old Etan Patz decades ago was released yesterday, only to be put behind bars again.

Jose Ramos was initially released from a Pennsylvania prison. According to the New York Post, he was rearrested for allegedly lying to police about where he would be staying. His bail was set at $75,000 and he was ordered back to court. Ramos denied any part in the crime. METRO/AB

Former pastor convicted in church theft

BROOKLYN. Monica James, 63, and Raymond Rufen-Blanchette, 44, were convicted of deed fraud for attempting to steal ownership of a church building where James used to be a pastor, the Brooklyn district attorney's office reported yesterday. The two could serve up to 15 years in prison. METRO/DT

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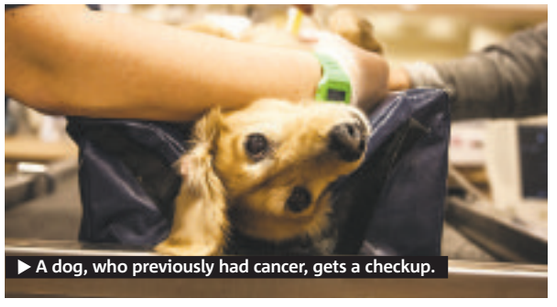
▶ A cat is shaved before a procedure.

Hot on the tail of NYC's pet threats


▶ A dog, who previously had cancer, gets a checkup.

New Yorkers love their animals, and nobody takes this more seriously than BluePearl, a veterinary partnership with locations in Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn.

Metro recently spent a Sunday watching the vets try to save animals New Yorkers brought into their West 55th Street location, shadowing their team on the night shift.

And New York's high-rise city life can mean unique challenges, like cats getting too close to windows dozens of flights up or dogs eating strange substances in Central Park.

"I see my job as helping people with their pets, not just helping pets," said Dr. David Bessler, 38.

The 20,000-square-foot facility has a lot of options to help furry family members, including an intensive care unit capable of aiding patients who need constant monitoring, such as assisted breathing.

In Manhattan, the city life makes animals more susceptible to sicknesses with toxic drugs, like dogs that may accidentally eat narcotics while out on a walk, and "high-rise cats," or the problem of cats falling from high places.

However, balancing both patient and client isn't always easy, and when surgeries can cost thousands of dollars, both parties can find themselves in a difficult situation.

"You feel helpless when you come across people with financial constraints. … Nobody wants to have to choose between their pet and their pocket book," said emergency service supervisor Melanie Felice, 32.

But Felice said hers is the best job out there.

"No matter what, we're always trying to help," she said. "Even if it means ending a pet's life, it still might be the best thing to do."

180
Employees at BluePearl

50
Doctors employed as vets

25K
Pet consultations each year

10K
Pets that come into the emergency room each year

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News in brief

NYPD investigating deaths of Bronx boy and Brooklyn girl

The NYPD is investigating the deaths of two children Tuesday night, one in Brooklyn and one in the Bronx.

Police responded to a call at the Boulevard Houses on Linden Boulevard in East New York around 11:30 p.m.

Four-year-old Halii McCord was taken to Brookdale Hospital, where she was pronounced dead, police said.

Hours later, at 1:30 a.m., officers arrived at 86 West 179 Street in the Bronx after a 911 call about an emotionally disturbed person.

Five-year-old Stewart Espinal was found unconscious. He was later pronounced dead at Saint Barnabus Hospital.

Police said a 47-year-old man was taken from the scene to Bronx Lebanon Hospital and later taken into custody.

The NYPD has not yet released a cause of death for either child.

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AG investigates Craigslist gas sales in state

NEW YORK. The attorney general is looking into sales of gasoline on Craigslist, according to Bloomberg News, to determine whether these or other informal sales are legal. The asking prices on Craigslist went as high as $8 a gallon, nearly double the latest average price in the city. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman said on Monday that the state was investigating "hundreds of complaints" of price gouging at the pump.

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Officials: Watch for charity scams

Frauds regularly pop up in wake of natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy Do your research before giving

Government and watchdog groups are warning those New Yorkers itching to help with Hurricane Sandy relief to be careful when they decide how and where to give.

The U.S. Attorney's Eastern District of New York Office, which covers Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, told Metro they "want to give people a heads up so the public is aware that there are people out there who are going to try to pull off scams and frauds."

These schemes can be common in the aftermath of natural disasters.

"We didn't have a lot happening after Irene that we noticed, but there was a huge amount of activity after 9/11," Luana Lewis at the Better Business Bureau told Metro, noting that it's common for new organizations to be founded after major crises, "usually to address needs that folks feel aren't being addressed swiftly enough in their community."

The state Attorney General, the U.S. Attorney's Eastern District Office and the Better Business Bureau all told Metro they have not yet received any complaints of attempted scams.

"We don't know of any specifics at this point, but we hope to have compiled a list later this week," reported Michelle Duffy at the Attorney General's Office.

Department of Justice officials warned the public to use caution in clicking links or opening images in e-mails that could contain viruses, and advised that "most legitimate charities maintain websites ending in .org rather than .com."

Scambook, an online company that helps victims of fraud, also has tips for people who feel compelled to help Sandy victims.

"Any time you're directly solicited is one of the big red flags," Scambook's Director of Marketing, Kase Chong said. "If someone does contact you, the best way to tell is to hang up and call back and see if you get someone on the phone."

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Spotting a scam

- **Do your research:** Scambook and the Better Business Bureau both cull information on thousands of charities.
- **Avoid cash donations,** and don't give personal or financial information to individuals soliciting contributions. Pay by debit or credit card.
- **Ask a lot of questions.** "If they can't tell you about the organization, that's a red flag," Scambook's Miranda Perry advised.

Pet. Adoption

▶ Jason would do best with an owner who has dog-owning experience, and kids older than 12.

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St. John's dean currently on trial found dead

The St. John's University dean indicted on charges of stealing $1 million from the school and using students as servants reportedly committed suicide on Tuesday.

The day before, former dean Cecilia Chang took the stand against the wishes of her lawyers and confessed to the charges but argued that she was owed the money after spending millions of her own in fundraising. The case has been declared a mistrial.

Chang was found hanged in her apartment after her son in Hawaii could not reach her by phone and called 911 to have police check on her.

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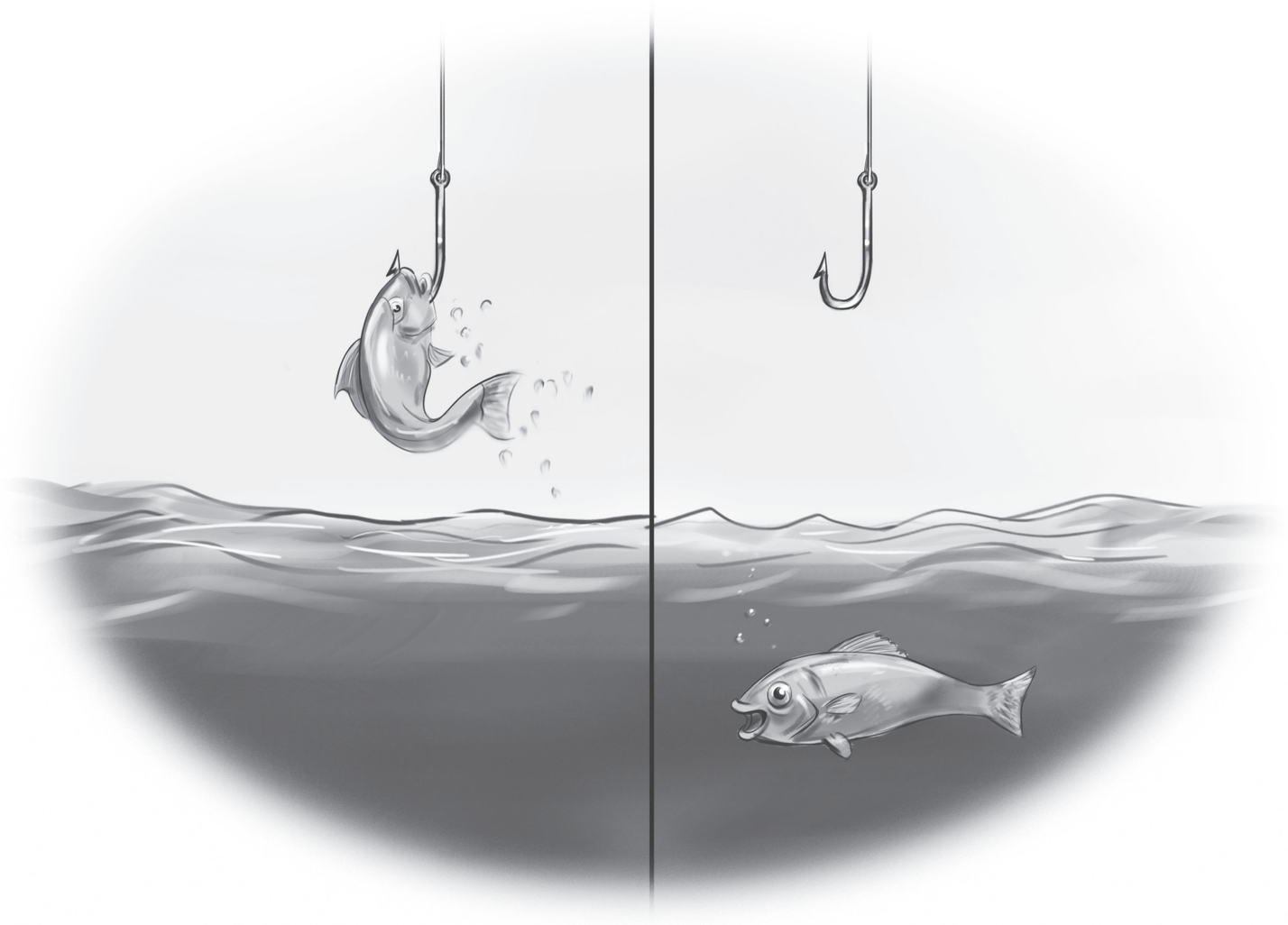
$20M Amount of money Cecilia Chang claimed to have raised for St. John's on the stand the day before she was found dead



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For the third year, we'll be encouraging our readers to contribute what they can to Metro Magic, which since it started in 2010 has delivered thousands of dollars' worth of toys to children for whom there would otherwise be no annual visit from Santa.

Once again we've teamed up with Toys for Tots, the charitable effort run by the U.S. Marines. As the holidays approach, agents from Toys for Tots will help Metro bring some festive joy to underprivileged families and their children.

Metro Magic is especially important this year. Within just a few miles of our New York and Philadelphia offices, children remain without shelter and basic amenities as a result of the devastation from Hurricane Sandy.

Metro has established a wish list at the Toys R Us website. Readers can access the wish list by going to www.metro.us and clicking on the Metro Magic logo at the top left-hand part of the home page.

From there the procedure is simple. Just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Toys R Us' secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in New York, Boston or Philadelphia, depending on where you live.

Tony Metcalf, editor-in-chief of Metro U.S., said, "We've been astonished at how well our readers responded over the last two years. Metro Magic got off to a good start in 2010, but last year it really exploded.

"Our offices resembled Santa's Grotto, and we will never forget the look on the faces of the little ones to whom we delivered the gifts near the holidays.

"We know times remain tough, but we have faith in our readers' generosity."

The campaign will run until the week before Dec. 25. METRO

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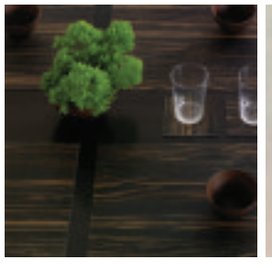

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Three states vote to back gay marriage

Voters in Maryland and Maine approved same-sex marriage on Tuesday while a similar measure in Washington state appeared on track to pass, marking the first time marriage rights have been extended to same-sex couples by popular vote.

The vote was hailed as a watershed moment by gay rights activists because while same-sex unions have been legalized in six states and the District of Columbia by lawmakers or courts, voters had consistently rejected doing so. More than 30 states have approved constitutional bans on gay marriage.

"It's enormous. We have truly made history," said Brian Ellner, head of the pro-gay marriage group The Four. "Having the first states approve marriage by a popular vote changes the narrative and sends an important message to the Supreme Court."

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▶ Same-sex couples

Backed by Obama

President Barack Obama earlier this year became the first U.S. president to support gay marriage, and his campaign endorsed the gay marriage measures in the three states.

In Maryland, the measure passed 52 percent to 48 percent.

In Maine, it was leading by 53 percent to 47 percent, with 75 percent of precincts reporting. The 6-point margin was wide enough to allow proponents to declare victory.

And in Washington, it was leading by 52 percent to 48 percent, with 62 percent of precincts reporting.

In Minnesota, meanwhile, voters rejected adding that state to the list of those defining marriage solely as a heterosexual union. With more than 97 percent of precincts reporting, the proposed constitutional amendment was trailing 48 percent to 52 percent.

In all four states, the marriage equality effort did better in urban areas and were less popular among rural voters. **REUTERS**

In the news

Former Penn State chief pleads not guilty to cover-up

HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. The Former Penn State University President Graham Spanier pleaded not guilty yesterday to covering up the Jerry Sandusky child sex scandal in what prosecutors called a "conspiracy of silence," and was freed on bail.

Spanier was charged with child endangerment, perjury, criminal conspiracy, failure to report suspected child abuse and obstruction for failing to report the assaults. **REUTERS**

In the news

Guatemala coast quake kills eight

GUATEMALA CITY. A strong earthquake off the coast of Guatemala yesterday shook buildings in Guatemala City, killed eight people and caused evacuations as far away as Mexico City.

A local fire chief said the dead were buried under rubble in three different Guatemalan towns. It was the strongest earthquake to hit Guatemala since a 7.5 magnitude quake in 1976 that claimed more than 20,000 lives.

Landslides were blocking roads in some areas, authorities said, and about 40 houses were severely damaged. **REUTERS**

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Right to be a sore loser

Pundits let loose their postelection wrath

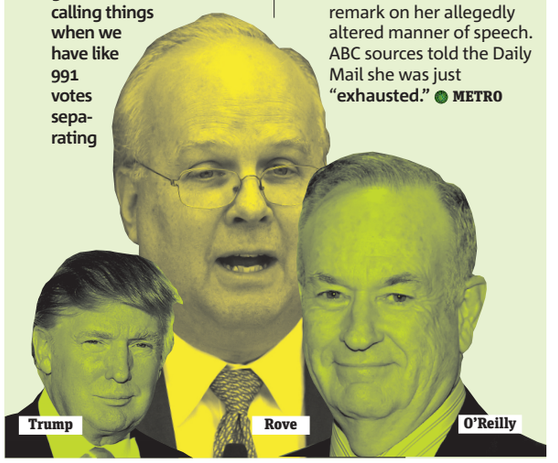
A bunch of angry, middle-aged white men couldn't hide their anger at Obama's victory.

1 Within minutes of Obama being declared winner, **Donald Trump** took to Twitter. Obama's election was a "**great and disgusting injustice,**" he wrote, before adding: "**He lost the popular vote and won the election. We should have a revolution in this country!**" He later removed the tweets.

2 Meanwhile in the Fox Studios, **Karl Rove** argued vehemently with his own employers over their decision to call Ohio as an Obama win — which clinched the presidency for the Democrat. Rove said the call was premature: "**We've got to be careful about calling things when we have like 991 votes separating the candidates and a quarter of the vote left to count. ... I'd be very cautious about intruding in this process.**" But he backtracked when Fox pointed out that remaining votes were in a Democratic-leaning county.

"It's a changing country. It's no longer a traditional America. Fifty percent of the electorate want things. They want stuff. And who is going to give it to them? Obama did and he ran on that. The white establishment is now a minority."
BILL O'REILLY, ON FOX NEWS

4 In other news, sources at ABC last night denied that anchor **Diana Sawyer** may have been drinking before the election broadcast after viewers took to social media networks to remark on her allegedly altered manner of speech. ABC sources told the Daily Mail she was just "**exhausted.**" **METRO**



Marketing strategies

Wall Street lost its gamble on Romney so woos Obama

Wall Street firms gambled on Mitt Romney and lost.

Now, faced with the prospect of even tougher regulations in Obama's second term, they have to build better ties with the new financial regulators he will appoint.

Stock investors fear banks will meet with limited success. Obama lost the support of many bankers in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis and the passage of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reform law. The Democratic president openly stated his distaste for "fat cat bankers" who "don't get it," and bankers fear more trouble is ahead if they cannot influence how the Dodd-Frank rules are implemented. **REUTERS**

Romney 'stuck in the past'

The Republican postmortem will be long and bitter. A weakened Obama and high unemployment opened the door for change of guard, and party strategists will struggle to understand how Mitt Romney failed to take advantage.

"His message had a weakness in being stuck in the past," Dr. Rasmus Nielsen, political communications professor and author of "Ground Wars: Personalized Communication in Political Campaigns," told Metro. "By saying 'We can't afford four more years [of Obama],' Romney avoided discussing a plan for the future."

Nielsen believes the Republicans also overstated economic failure at a time of slow but steady growth (2 percent) and falling unemployment: "If you ask people if they are better off now than four years ago in the swing states, where unemployment is lower than the national average, many would say yes."

Romney's embarrassing lines such as "47% of Americans are victims" may not have decided votes alone, but contributed to the Obama campaign's portrayal of an out-of-touch millionaire. "It was not until the first debate people could see past the fire-breathing monster," says Nielsen.

Yet Romney was on a tightrope, seeking to appeal to his party's conservative core and the mixed demographic swing states. "It was a real problem for him to convince a party that does not connect with women, black or Hispanic voters, and then come back to the center where minorities are king-makers," said Joe Twyman, YouGov's Director of Political and Social Research.

No candidate could have bridged the gap, Twyman suggests, and the party is now in urgent need of a new direction. "Either the Tea Party will take over or they become more moderate as there is no progress with women or ethnic minorities," he added. "My bet is they will nominate [Cuban-American] Marco Rubio in 2016." **MWN**

No return to politics for Romney

Betting companies are already making Romney a favorite to win the 2016 election, but the candidate's wife disagrees. "He will not run again," Ann Romney claimed in October, confessing a campaign full of character assassination has been "very hard" on the couple. This has been Romney's second failed election bid, and although he could choose to enter the senate, those that know him expect him to take a completely new path. "I think it's likely this is his last foray into politics," Scott Helman, biographer and co-author of "The Real Romney," told Metro.

Despite expectations that the multimillionaire will return to private business that made him so successful, Helman foresees a more public-spirited position: "It's hard to see him being satisfied by simply returning to the private sector – he's made his money, and he certainly doesn't need more. I believe he wants to put his skills to use in the public or nonprofit sector."

This has been a popular next move for unsuccessful candidates, such as Bob Dole who established his Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas after his failed bid in 1996. Romney already presides over the Tyler Charitable Foundation and will likely devote more time to its work with schools and hospitals. **MWN**

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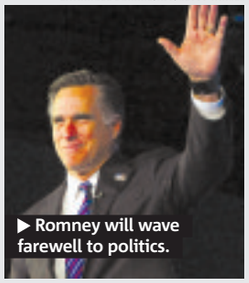

▶ Romney will wave farewell to politics.

No rest for the winner

Fresh from a decisive reelection win, President Barack Obama returned from the campaign trail yesterday with little time to savor victory, facing urgent economic challenges, a looming fiscal showdown and a still-divided Congress able to block his every move.

Obama defeated Romney on Tuesday night in a grueling presidential race and used his acceptance speech in front of a huge cheering crowd in Chicago to strike a conciliatory note toward his political opponents.

But in the cold light of the 2012 election's morning-after, it was clear that even though voters have endorsed a second Obama term, the president will have a hard time translating that into a mandate to push forward with his agenda.

His most immediate concern is confronting a "fiscal cliff" of automatic tax increases and spending cuts that could crush the U.S. economy recovery — a prospect that weighed heavily on global financial markets on Wednesday and sent Wall Street stocks into a postelection swoon.

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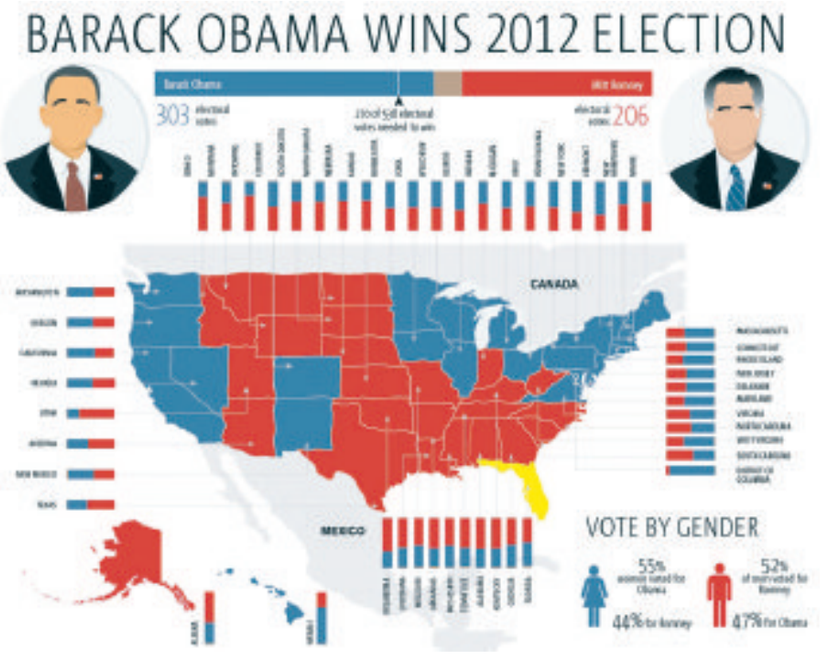

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"You voted for action, not politics as usual."
OBAMA

Voters chose to preserve the status quo of divided government in Washington. Obama's fellow Democrats retained control of the Senate and Republicans kept their majority in the House of Representatives, giving them power to curb the president's legislative ambitions on everything from taxes to immigration reform.

This is the political reality that Obama — who won a far narrower victory over Romney than his historic election as the country's first black president in 2008 — faces when he returns to Washington today. **REUTERS**

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Can someone please take Twitter away from **Donald Trump**? Whereas the reality TV host's bombastic behavior is ratings gold on "The Apprentice," on social media it's frankly embarrassing.

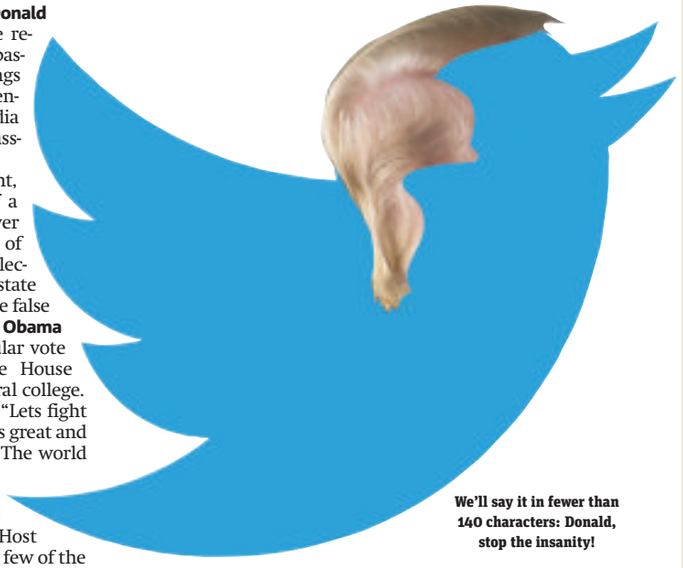
On Tuesday night, Trump had a bit of a Twitter meltdown over **Mitt Romney**'s loss of the presidential election. The real estate mogul tweeted on the false assumption that **Obama** would lose the popular vote but win the White House thanks to the electoral college. One of the nuggets? "Lets fight like hell and stop this great and disgusting injustice! The world is laughing at us."

Then, "NBC Nightly News" did something weird: Host **Brian Williams** read a few of the tweets on air. He basically rolled his eyes at the missives of his fellow NBC star, saying: "Donald Trump has driven well past the last exit to relevance and veered into something closer to irresponsible."

Well, that didn't sit right with Trump, who is now attacking Williams, calling him a "dummy." Via Twitter, Trump retorted: "Brian, I hope @NBCNightlyNews isn't paying you too much — look at what's happening to nightly news. Brian Williams was never a smart guy but always passes himself off as such. People will learn the truth!"

And then: "The only thing more boring than @bwilliams newscast is his show Rock Center which is totally dying in the ratings — a disaster!"

So basically, Trump on Twitter is the equivalent of your crazy grandfather typing out letters to the local newspaper about some invented injustice or another, but with a much larger microphone.



We'll say it in fewer than 140 characters: Donald, stop the insanity!

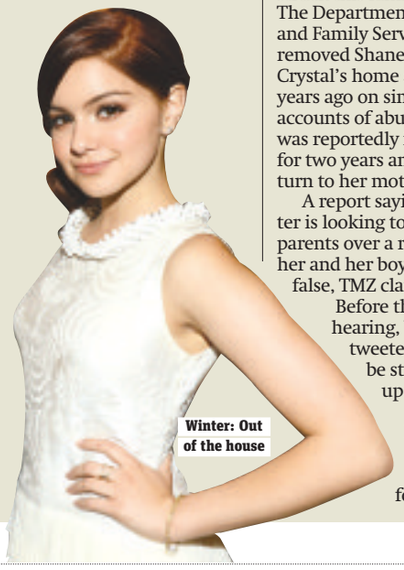
'Modern Family' actress pulled from home

"Modern Family" actress **Ariel Winter**, 14, was taken from her home amid reports of physical and emotional abuse from her mother, TMZ reports. Sources tell the site that a judge gave Winter's sister, **Shanelle Workman**, temporary guardianship after a hearing on Oct. 3, and that Winter's mother, **Crystal Workman**, must stay 100 yards away from Ariel.

Apparently (and unfortunately) this isn't the first time abuse allegations have struck this family, however. The Department of Children and Family Services removed Shanelle from Crystal's home almost 20 years ago on similar accounts of abuse. Shanelle was reportedly in foster care for two years and did not return to her mother's home.

A report saying that Winter is looking to divorce her parents over a rift between her and her boyfriend is false, TMZ claims.

Before the Oct. 3 hearing, Winter tweeted: "ALWAYS be strong. Stand up for yourself." The next hearing in the case is scheduled for Nov. 20.



Winter: Out of the house

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Kirstie Alley is a grateful author, James Corden is faking it, Mariah Carey is celebrating and Conan O'Brien is not looking for a handout.

@kirstiealley
thank you for purchasing my book..it was a labor of labor and love...sweet dreams...see you tomorrow

@JKCorden
I just did a fake laugh to someone when they told me a political joke i didnt really get. Happens almost everyday.

@MariahCarey
Someone just told me it is Hello Kitty's birthday today!! haaaaa

@ConanOBrien
I'd never use this Twitter account to openly pander in hope of getting free stuff. Just wanted you to know, people at Garrett's Popcorn.

Mariah Carey

Talking points

What a surprise! Stewart is smug

Looking for official confirmation that "Twilight" stars **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** have really reconciled in the wake of her cheating scandal? Well, the woman herself isn't being much help in that department. When asked during an interview on the "Today" show if she and Pattinson are back together, she said, "Funny you mention that. I'm going to just let people watch whatever little movie they think our lives are. Keep 'em guessing, I always say."

Green and Fox enjoy being overshadowed

Brian Austin Green and **Megan Fox** are actually grateful for being overshadowed for once. The reason they managed to keep the birth of their son **Noah** a secret for more than a month? Green says all the credit goes to **Reese Witherspoon**, as the world was too busy cooing over her newborn to notice. "We got really lucky," he says. "And I've been wanting to send Reese Witherspoon flowers for, like, a month and a half. She actually gave birth, I think, the day before us in Santa Monica," he told **Ryan Seacrest** during an interview.

▶ The happily overshadowed couple

Lautner weighs in on cheating scandal

Seeing as how he's starred in all five "Twilight" films with Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, it was only a matter of time before **Taylor Lautner** was asked to weigh in on Stewart's cheating scandal that broke this summer. And an interviewer for Cosmopolitan magazine did just that, though Lautner chose a very diplomatic route for his response. "To be honest, I've never been involved in any of those situations so I don't know [if trust can be regained]," he says. "It would be just a guess and a shot in the dark, and I don't want to give that if I haven't even been there myself." He does say, however, that he thinks it's possible for a relationship to survive a cheating scandal, assuming they've been together long enough: "If it was a long, serious relationship, I think it's quite easy to rekindle," he says. "I guess it depends on what damage has been done."

Style news

Backstage at the Victoria's Secret show

The Angels took over NYC yesterday as Victoria's Secret filmed its much-hyped runway show at the Lexington Armory. This year, newcomers **Cara Delevingne**, **Jourdan Dunn** and **Hilary Rhoda** joined veteran Angels such as **Adriana Lima** and **Miranda Kerr** onstage. But the bombshell everyone had their eyes on was **Alessandra Ambrosio**. The Brazilian beauty wore this year's coveted $2.5 million dollar bra by London Jewelers. We caught up with Ambrosio backstage to ask about her turn as the belle of the ball.

Where were you like, "Finally!?"

"No, not like that. But you definitely want to wear it one day, especially when you do the show for 10 years. ... But once they give it to you, you feel like the luckiest girl."

TINA CHADHA

Read our entire backstage coverage on Dec. 4 when the show will air on CBS.

The cocktail trouser hour

Martinis aren't the only thing in need of a shake and stir This season a glitzy pair of trousers replaces the little black dress

Trousers to a cocktail party? Here are a few reasons to give them a try: 1) Pants are more liberating and easier to dance in than a tiny little dress, 2) They're chic in a slightly unaffected, androgynous kind of way and 3) This season's flashy, embellished versions are bang on trend thanks to Stella McCartney, Jonathan Saunders, Miu Miu and a long list of others who worked the look into their fall collections.

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ASOS floral trousers, $80, www.asos.com

H&M pants, $50, www.hm.com

Top Shop baroque flock trouser, $80, www.topshop.com

What to get

Go for a pair that is sufficiently showy. Think shiny metallics, textured brocade or trippy graphics. Wear them to the office with a button down and blazer before changing into a slinky top and skinny heel for night. Now where's that drink?

Poppy Delevingne poses in brocade pants.

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Rollins wants you

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Rollins, like Uncle Sam, may seem beaten down, but he still has some fight left in him.

Henry Rollins is an opinionated man. He's a man who can talk up a storm. Once upon a time, fronting Black Flag and then the Rollins Band, he not so much sang up a storm as he yelled one into being. This fall, the L.A.-based D.C. native took a break from his yearlong Long March Tour — not for quiet time, but for his Capitalism Tour, which hit the nation's state capitals as a run-up to the election. When we spoke with him, Rollins knew where his vote was going — but he tells Metro his politicking is bipartisan.

"I don't tell people who to vote for. My audience is full of adults, they know who they want to vote for," says Rollins. "I do tell people about the importance of voting, though. It's alarming to me that a large portion of people in this country who can vote don't vote. That they don't take part in the democracy of this country enrages me. I don't think any president determines the future of the country beyond a certain extent, but this institution is set up for everyone to weigh in. If you don't, you don't get the real thing. You get a blunted democracy."

Rollins thinks that the saying "you get the Government you deserve" sums up the process.

"It's one of the truest things I've ever heard. You got George W. Bush. Well, you deserved George W. Bush. You didn't stand up against it. Whether you want to be part of the process or not, you are. Either you're part of the process or you're processed. You are either doing or getting done."

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No going back

Rollins' stand-up show is a mix of moods. "It can't be funny all the time," he says, though much of it is.

After this tour will Rollins return to music?

"No, I hit it hard and I've got nothing left to give to it. ... Rather than repeat the past, I'd rather walk away."

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'The Voice'

REALITY. Do you prefer a live performance by Maroon 5 ... **8 p.m., NBC**

'The X Factor'

REALITY. ... or One Direction? Whichever singing competition you choose tonight, you also get the bonus of watching contestants sent home. **8 p.m., Fox**

AMBER RAY

Laughter is always the best medicine

And the New York Comedy Festival has arrived just in time to offer a dose to a city still reeling from Hurricane Sandy Founder of the fest Caroline Hirsch tells us what and who we can't afford to miss this year

Anyone would agree that New Yorkers could use a few laughs these days. With the city still feeling the effects of Hurricane Sandy, it seems that the New York Comedy Festival is well-timed, at least for the audience members. Founder of the festival and owner of Carolines on Broadway, Caroline Hirsch, on the other hand, is still busy putting out fires.

"[It's] very stressful to be putting something on like this where people are flooded in their rooms and have no food and water," Hirsch says. "So it's kind of a weird time, but we're getting through it."

One threat that had loomed large was the dangling crane on 57th Street, close to Carnegie Hall, where some comedians were scheduled to perform. With the crane now secured, it seems that one of the biggest questions looming over the festival is this: Sandy jokes — too soon?

"It's kind of a fine line," Hirsch explains. "It was just like 9/11. It takes people time to just heal a little bit before they can start to make fun of, probably, that the water was up to their knees in the railroad stations. I don't think that those kind of jokes are going to be made right now."

We'll see about that. This festival is, after all, front-loaded with some of the biggest talents in comedy today, most of whom are well adept at turning tragedy into a punchline.

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▶ Bruce Springsteen performs at "Stand Up for Heroes" this year.

Tickets to the marquee acts tend to sell out quickly, which is why Hirsch recommends a few events that make the festival more accessible. The festival's "Stand Up for Heroes" event — a benefit for injured service members and their caregivers — may be sold out, but the performances by Mike Birbiglia, Patton Oswalt, Jon Stewart, Robin Williams, Ricky Gervais and Bruce Springsteen will be streamed online. A number of smaller shows with up-and-coming talents will also take place around the city. Given Hirsch's legendary gift for spotting talents like Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno, you can expect top quality comedy.

Since the festival is happening just after the election, we wondered if Hirsch agreed with the idea that a victory for Romney would've meant a victory for comedy.

"Listen, four years ago, people used to say, 'how would anybody ever make fun of Obama? How would they ever find jokes?'" she says with a laugh. "Trust me, if there's a way to find a joke, they will find it."

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If you go

The New York Comedy Festival runs from now to Sunday. For more information about shows, schedules and tickets, visit **www.nycomedyfestival.com**.

▶ Ricky Gervais

Top 5 films

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▶ 007 (Daniel Craig) is in hot pursuit through the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul in "Skyfall."

1 **'Skyfall'** Daniel Craig returns as that charmingly elusive MI6 agent, but this time, we find 007's stealthy skills challenged by a brilliantly evil new adversary — ex-agent Silva (Javier Bardem).

2 **'Lincoln'** And you thought this year's election was polarizing? Our 16th president had a little problem on his hands called the Civil War! There was nothing civil about it, but it sure makes for good drama. Daniel Day Lewis and Sally Field star.

3 **'This Must Be The Place'** This flick that shares a title with a Talking Heads tune stars Sean Penn as an aging goth rocker seeking revenge on a man who tortured his dad at Auschwitz.

4 **'The Man with the Iron Fists'** Wu-Tang Clan's RZA co-wrote, directed and stars in this kung fu caper, which was co-produced, fittingly, by Quentin Tarantino. It tells the tale of a 19th-century blacksmith (RZA) who builds elaborate weaponry to defend his tiny village.

5 **'Wreck-It Ralph'** John C. Reilly gives voice to the doddering video game villain who sets off to see what life would be like as a hero in another game.

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When leaving isn't an option

From the outside, it may seem painfully obvious that a partner being abused should get out One expert on what makes someone stay behind

It's a seemingly simple question, but the answer is fraught with complexities: If someone in a relationship is being abused, why doesn't that person just leave?

"There's a variety of reasons," says Maureen Curtis, LMSW, MPH, associate vice president at Safe Horizon, a New York City victim assistance organization. "Probably first and foremost is fear. Most domestic violence is about power and control. If the person decides to leave, then [the batterer] loses control, so it places the victim more in danger."

Another reason is money. Without financial help from a partner, it can be difficult to support oneself and a family, Curis says.

Victims of abuse can flee to domestic violence shelters, but that might not provide a permanent solution — in New York, for example, stays in emergency shelters are capped at 135 days. From there, victims can apply for transitional housing or enter the homeless shelter system.

The victims who choose not to leave "learn how to manage their risks so that they're able to stay there, keep a roof over their heads and their children's heads," Curtis says.

"I remember one time this woman came into my office and she was really upset because her partner had been arrested. She told me that a year ago she was homeless, living in the streets with her three children, and this man took her and her children in. And while he was abusive, she said that it was worse living in the streets with her three children. She felt she could manage the times that he hit her. And it puts it into perspective. She's making a difficult decision."

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Recognize the signs

"When you think of domestic violence, you think of that classic battered woman who is beaten, who's bruised, who wants to avail themselves of all the services and is ready to leave — and that's not the reality," Curtis says.

Keep an eye out for the following signs, which she says are all hallmarks of abuse:

- **Physical marks:** "If you see bruises or cuts that seem explained in ways that don't seem legitimate, that's something you should look at."
- **Excessive jealousy:** "It's one thing to be jealous, but it's another thing to be jealous to the point of possessive. [Look for] controlling behavior, where that person wants to control everything that their partner does."
- **Isolation from friends and family:** "They could have had the highest self-esteem and now they're so isolated," Curtis says. "And this is the one person that tells them that they love them."

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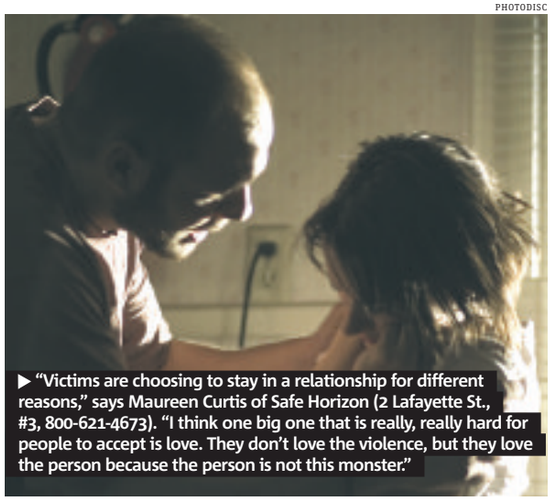

"Victims are choosing to stay in a relationship for different reasons," says Maureen Curtis of Safe Horizon (2 Lafayette St., #3, 800-621-4673). "I think one big one that is really, really hard for people to accept is love. They don't love the violence, but they love the person because the person is not this monster."

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Democrats rejoice — and gloat

Today is a great day for America and her people. Yesterday, millions came together for one cause and that was to vote for their hearts and future. President Obama won reelection. The Republican Party is left with doubling down. The "all eggs in one basket" approach backfired. They are now left with having to come face to face with the George W. Bush legacy of never taking full responsibility for their mistakes, now they are engaging in a new round of finger pointing at each other and candidates Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan. They will have to rebuild their brand and reputations all over again mainly because of Bush.

ANTONIO BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Republicans mourn — and pray

The reelection of President Obama is one of the saddest days I can remember. I feel like someone shut the lights out on America's bright future. Oh! What could have been. I had such optimism.

We will continue down the road of big government. More people will continue with their entitlements, food stamps, free housing, etc. Take away people's incentive to work, and their dreams die. We still have a huge debt — more than $16 trillion dollars and growing. The stagnant economy and record joblessness are all issues Obama will have to address.

We can no longer blame Bush for America's decline. Obama must take responsibility for our demise.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

OMG. Four more years of blaming George Bush. God help America.

MIKE SEFA, VIA E-MAIL

Everyone else is just sick of the fuss

Now that the campaign season is over, we can finally get a break from all those awful ads. Most people know those ads and the huge sums of money that paid for them were unleashed by the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. But did you know we're now one quarter of the way to reversing that decision by amending the U.S. Constitution? As of Tuesday, we are. Amending the Constitution requires two-thirds of each chamber of Congress — that's 67 senators and 290 representatives — plus three-fourths of the states — that's 38 states. Eleven states have formally called for an amendment, including two, Montana and Colorado, where the voters statewide just voted on Tuesday to call for one. Add your state to that list. **JEFF SHAPIRO, VIA E-MAIL**

Maybe we can finally see an end to the two-party nightmare. There was really no difference between either camp's candidate. All I know is that as long as the Republican machine keeps churning out unelectable poster children and the Democratic machine keeps pushing harder-left candidates, the only thing that will be the same is the land of the free and home of the brave will be seen as the joke of the free world. Oh wait, there is no free world, just varying degrees authority and police states. I'd move, but where to? Mars isn't open yet.

ANTHONY CASCIO, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** There are strong indications that you may learn about someone who is strongly attracted to you. If you'd welcome a new relationship, check things out.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** The financial trends seem to be much more stable than they were yesterday. If there is a fiscal matter that needs to be discussed or revised, do so now.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Someone who loves you as much as you love him or her wouldn't mind hearing you express your feelings, especially if you haven't been as demonstrative as usual.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Do more detective work regarding an arrangement or a relationship that you deem dubious. It could be far more beneficial than you think, which you'll quickly discover.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You can gain the support of friends regarding a deeply important issue if you discuss it with them on a one-on-one basis. Don't try to sell everyone on your plan at the same time.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Think of your hard work on a difficult project as a labor of love, and your toil will seem much easier. A positive, happy attitude will enhance your abilities.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There is a possibility that many of you Bulls who are unattached could rekindle a past romance at this time. From out of the blue, you might encounter or hear from an old flame.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** One of your greatest assets is your ability to finalize historically tricky situations with a minimum of fuss. Finish with the old before starting the new.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** An arrangement you enter into should be long-lasting and of equal benefit to both parties. This will be especially important if you're dealing with a member of the opposite gender.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Should you be in need of an expensive service requiring an expert, shop around before committing. There's a good chance you'll save some money.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Regardless of the involvements you might have, you're likely to make a good impression on all those you encounter. Bask in your deserved popularity.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** A better understanding of what is best for you, as well as for your entire family, can be achieved. Bring any constructive, common interests to the forefront for maximum effect.

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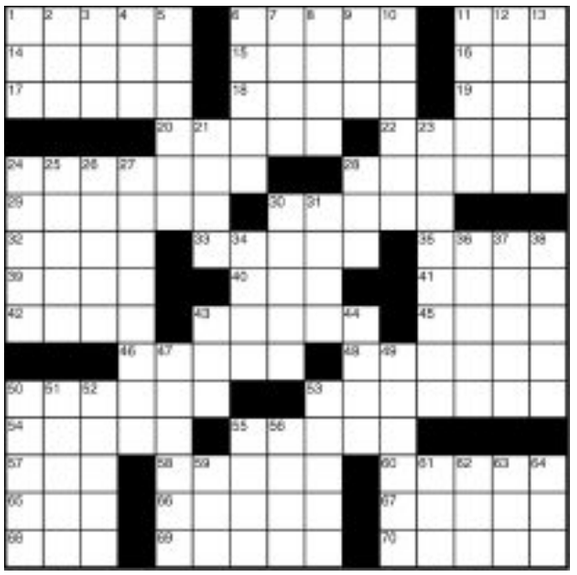

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Dine to make a difference

Good news: You can help with Sandy relief efforts just by eating at these local spots Drinks count, too!

Through Sunday, slurp down a Rally Shake at **Shake Shack** ($5.50, multiple locations, **www.shakeshack.com**). Two dollars from each will go to the Red Cross.

One dollar from every chicken and pork box sold this month at **Pies-n-Thighs** (166 S. Fourth St., Brooklyn, 347-529-6090) will go to the Red Cross.

Until Nov. 11, drop off a blanket at any **Meatball Shop** location (**www.themeatballshop.com**) for a free order of — well, they call them Naked Balls.

The Sandy Support cocktail being served at all ONE Group restaurants (**Asellina**, **STK**, **Bagatelle**) is a mix of lime, ginger beer and candied ginger and soda. A portion of proceeds from the drink served at all ONE Group restaurants nationwide will go toward Sandy relief.

Restaurants participating in tonight's **Dine Out Williamsburg for Sandy Relief** (Like **Gwynett**, featured above) will give 10-20 percent of today's sales to the Red Cross. The list of participants can be found at **www.dineoutwilliamsburg.com/participants**.

More ways to help

- At **Chop't** (www.choptsalad.com), those with proof of donating to the Red Cross get a free drink or snack.
- **Meat Week NYC** (through Nov. 11) is offering dinners, cooking demos and more to benefit relief efforts. Visit www.meatweeknyc.com for details.
- If you book an event before Dec. 1 at **Little Town NYC** (both locations), **Hudson Terrace**, **SideBAR** or the **Village Pourhouse**, 10 percent of proceeds will be donated.
- Throughout the month, ESquared Hospitality's New York City restaurants **BLT Bar & Grill**, **BLT Fish**, **BLT Burger** and **Casa Nonna** will be donating 5 percent of gross sales (up to $50,000) to help Sandy victims.

Show support

- **Guy's American Kitchen and Bar** (220 W. 44th St., 646-532-4897) is donating 50 percent of all proceeds on Monday and Tuesday to the Red Cross.
- **Carmine's** (2450 Broadway, 212-362-2200 and 200 W. 44th St., 212-221-3800) will donate $1 to the Red Cross Hurricane Sandy relief effort for each Carmine's Cares cocktail (Absolut Orient apple, ginger liqueur, cranberry and lemon) purchased now through Tuesday. The restaurant will match the total amount raised.
- Cozy spot **Queens Kickshaw** (40-17 Broadway, Astoria, 718-777-0913) will be donating all of today's profits to Sandy relief efforts via the Red Cross. They're open until just before midnight, so there's plenty of time to go.

If you've got lots to spare, consider bidding on **"Support After Sandy: A Charitybuzz Auction to Rebuild the East Coast,"** a dinner for 10 at the chef's table at **ABC Kitchen** (35 E. 18th St., 212-475-5829) hosted by **Jean-Georges** (pictured). The dinner, a $15,000 value, benefits Feeding America. The auction closes Nov. 29. Details are at **www.charitybuzz.com.**

- **Russ & Daughters** has teamed up with the Astor Center for a tasting of champagne and cocktails paired with appetizers. One hundred percent of ticket sales to tonight's event ($45) will go to the Red Cross. Visit **www.astorcenternyc.com** for tickets.
- **Tasting Table Test Kitchen & Dining Room** is hosting an open bar and dinner fundraiser on Nov. 14, with all ticket sales ($100) going to the Food Bank for New York City. Tickets are at **http://tastingtablehurricanerelief.eventbrite.com/#.**
- Proceeds from Sunday's four-course dinner at **Park Avenue Autumn** (11 E. 63rd St., 212-644-1900) will be donated to Point Pleasant, N.J., chef Kevin Lasko's hometown. The suggested donation is $150 and includes wine pairings.

Cocktail of the week

Safe & Sound

Through Saturday, 100 percent of proceeds from the Tribeca Grand and the Soho Grand's Safe & Sound cocktail, plus $1 from every beer, wine and cocktail ordered, will go to a charity nominated by that night's DJs.

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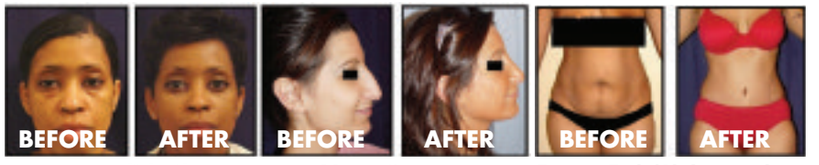

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The rundown

MUSIC

Brooklyn Electronic Music Festival
Friday and Saturday, various locations, $35-$65
Returning for its fifth year for shows in venues all across Williamsburg, BEMF offers sets for every taste, from Nicolas Jaar to Photek, and Baths to Gold Panda. GEOFF MAK

'Big Star: Nothing Can Hurt Me'
Saturday, 9:45 p.m.
SVA Theater, 333 W. 33rd St.
$17
Big Star is one of the most important American bands that never got the recognition they deserved in their lifetime. The long-awaited documentary on the band makes its NYC debut with Jody Stephens (the last remaining member of the group). JASON DIAMOND

CHARITY

Lights! Camera! Auction! Benefit for Film Biz Recycling
Friday, 7 p.m., The Bell House, 149 Seventh St., Gowanus
Various prices
Film Biz Recycling fills a rambling basement in Gowanus with thousands of discarded and "upcycled" props from numerous movie, TV and commercial shoots, all available to rent or own. This live auction features prop and costume packages curated by folks like Morgan Spurlock, Kurt Braunohler and Buffi Jashanmal. LEAH TAYLOR

FESTIVALS

Brooklyn Comics & Graphics Festival
Saturday, 12-7 p.m., Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 275 N. Eighth St., Williamsburg, free
Nearly 100 publishers and artists display and sell their books, comics, zines, prints and other wares, and you can get your stuff signed by the likes of Charles Burns and Adrian Tomine. JD

Art Fag City Wienerfest & Fundraiser
Sunday, 3-7 p.m., Postmasters, 459 W. 19th St., $45
Join celebrators of emerging and underknown contemporary artists, bloggers Art Fag City, for the grand unveiling of their very own Signature Wiener. Beer flows freely, too. ELANA LEOPOLD

Film

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▶ A T. rex menaces the theme park's first customers in a scene from the film "Jurassic Park," which you can watch this weekend at BAM.

'Jurassic Park'
Sunday, 3 p.m.
BAM, 30 Lafayette Ave., Ft. Greene, $12
Because you haven't seen Jeff Goldblum, Sam Neill and Laura Dern fight the massive Tyrannosaurus rex and terrifying velociraptors on the big screen since Bill Clinton was the president, circa 1993. JASON DIAMOND

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▶ Herzog

Comedy

Seth Herzog's 'Night of Fun'
Tonight, 8 p.m., Ace Hotel's Liberty Hall, 16 W. 29 St., $10
One of our favorite local comics has made it to the big time. No, we don't mean his numerous stints on Jimmy Fallon or his hilarious SWEET shows. He has a headlining slot at the NY Comedy Fest, and you don't want to miss it. LEAH TAYLOR

TALKS

Sunday Sessions: The Art of Stand-Up with Miriam Katz
Sunday, 4-6 p.m., MoMA PS1, 22-25 Jackson Ave., L.I.C., $10
Katz is on a quest to connect visual art and stand-up comedy. She launches her new podcast, "Breakdown," asking "Is stand-up art?" to some righteously hilarious and talented people, including Chelsea Peretti and Eugene Mirman. LT

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3 Dishes to warm up to this autumn

As the weather gets cooler, hungry New Yorkers' thoughts turn from caprese salads to crockpots Here are three dishes that are warming the cockles of our hearts this fall

Comfort food No. 1:

Brasilina's Beef Stroganoff

This classic, creamy beef stroganoff from Russia, whether served by your grandmother or your lunch lady, has always comforted us. But you may be surprised to know that it's a staple in many Brazilian kitchens as well. In Hell's Kitchen, the romantic, contemporary restaurant Brasilina cooks up a slightly exotic version with strips of filet mignon topped with crispy fried onions. When it's served, your waiter will flip the bowl over a mound of fragrant jasmine rice. Only the Brazilians could make stroganoff this sexy.

Brasilina
836 Ninth Ave.
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Comfort food No. 2:

Dassara Ramen's Mushroom Ramen

A newcomer to the ramen scene that's been simmering away in Manhattan and Brooklyn, Carroll Gardens' Dassara is creating its own Brooklyn-variety ramen. "Our concept aspires to at least raise the question of what a regional New York ramen style would consist of," says owner Josh Kaplan. You may have already heard of their Deli Ramen, which tucks tiny matzo balls and strips of Mile End Deli's smoked meat into a bowl of fresh noodles and chicken broth. But we love the vegetarian version: a variety of wild mushrooms and a soft-poached egg float in a broth enriched by a secret ingredient: butter.

Dassara Ramen
271 Smith St., Brooklyn
718-643-0781
www.dassara.com

Comfort food No. 3:

Paprika's Pizzoccheri

In one of the few quiet spots on St. Mark's Place, Paprika serves cuisine of the Valtellina region of Italy, which takes its cues from Switzerland and Austria. Pizzoccheri is a cozy bowl of handmade buckwheat noodles tossed with potatoes, garlic, casera cheese and Savoy cabbage. It's comforting and rich, but not heavy; the double serving of carbs is lightened by the cabbage. In a menu full of unusual dishes, the pizzoccheri, by its humble description, is easy to overlook. But don't — these homespun noodles tossed with slightly sticky cheese are memorably soothing.

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Songza

Songza food

The election is over, people! Set aside your political differences and work together for the greater good of America! And with the playlist at **www.metro.us/songza** and **www.songza.com/listen/good-ol-time-eatin-songza/** you can celebrate the greatest American tradition of all, Thanksgiving, the holiday where you get together with your family and argue about politics. But to prevent any post-election partisan arguments from happening, these songs will act as your audio comfort food. In fact, most of them are about comfort food. On the five-and-a-half-hour playlist you'll hear old timey tunes like "I Heard The Voice Of A Pork Chop" by Jim Jackson, "Yes, We Have No Bananas" by Louis Prima, "Hold Tight Hold Tight (Want Some Seafood Mama)" by Jimmy Dorsey and "Ham An' Eggs" by Leadbelly, pictured. Speaking of a lead belly, go easy on the pigout session this year.

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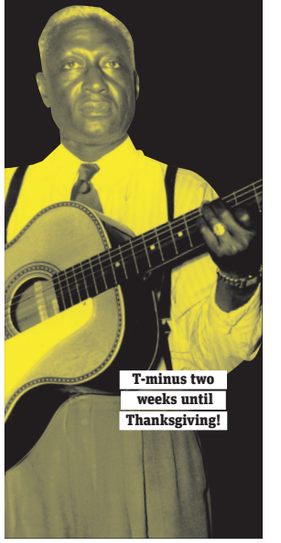

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▶ Bay suffered two concussions and multiple rib injuries in his brief tenure with the Mets.

Jason Bay, Mets agree on release

The Mets — and Mets fans — are finally free from the albatross that was Jason Bay. They're just not free from the money he is owed.

The team announced yesterday they had reached a settlement with Bay, severing ties with the outfielder and making him an unrestricted free agent.

"Jason has a tremendous work ethic. There was never any question about it," general manager Sandy Alderson said in a statement. "Unfortunately, the results weren't there and we are in a results-oriented business. We thank Jason for his efforts and wish him well."

Bay was signed before the 2010 season to a four-year, $66 million contract with a fifth-year vesting option based on plate appearances. He never came remotely close to living up to the deal.

As part of the settlement, Bay will reportedly receive all of the remaining money on his deal — about $21 million, including a $3 million buyout of the vesting option — but it will be deferred in order to free up space for the Mets to sign other players. The team is currently working on contract extensions for David Wright and R.A. Dickey.

Bay batted .234 with 26 home runs and 124 RBIs in 288 games — all coming off a 2009 season with Boston when he hit 36 homers and drove in 119 runs.

"After serious consideration, both sides agree that we would benefit from a fresh start," Bay said in a statement released by the team. "I have no regrets in signing with the Mets, other than that I wasn't able to play to the level that the team, the fans and I all expected and that we weren't able to win more games."

Bay was relegated to a platoon over the final months of the 2012 season due to his lack of production and although Alderson said they planned to bring him back in 2013, the mutual parting made sense. Lucas Duda, who recently broke his wrist moving furniture, could end up seeing more time in the outfield next season.

MARK OSBORNE

Ryan brings back playoff bravado

◗ Jets head coach still confident team can make the playoffs ◗ Answers questions about 'overrated' poll

Head coach Rex Ryan is still talking big, despite a Sporting News poll of current NFL players naming him the most overrated coach in the league earlier this week.

In a rare showing of the bravado that was once part of his regular routine, Ryan talked up his team's postseason chances coming off the bye.

"I think it's about as tough a thing that we're facing right in front of us. ... You can't get much tougher [of a] situation than it is, but maybe that's what we need. Maybe that will pull this group together. ... I think we're there anyway, but here we come. My confidence never wavered, never," Ryan said. "To do great things, extraordinary things or whatever, you're going to have skeptics. There's no doubt about that; you will always have them and I understand that comes with the territory."

Ryan has been through this before. During his first year as a head coach, the Jets were 4-6 after a 31-14 road loss at New England. The Jets would go 5-1 to close out the season.

"There's probably some similar challenges earlier when I was here," Ryan said. "I guess the difference is I haven't counted this team out of the playoffs like I did my first year."

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▶ Rex Ryan compared his 3-5 record this year to his 4-6 team from 2009 that rallied to make the AFC title game.

"Hey, I finally beat [Bill] Belichick at something. Got it. I knew it would take time, but I finally got him."

REX RYAN, ON BEATING THE PATS COACH FOR MOST OVERRATED

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In the news

Phillips still out

Giants head coach Tom Coughlin said yesterday starting safety Kenny Phillips will miss his sixth straight game this weekend and will be out until after the bye week at the earliest.

Phillips injured his knee against the Eagles in Week 4.

"We're going to try and rest him this week and then through the bye, and hopefully we can get him back," Coughlin said.

Stevie Brown will continue to start.

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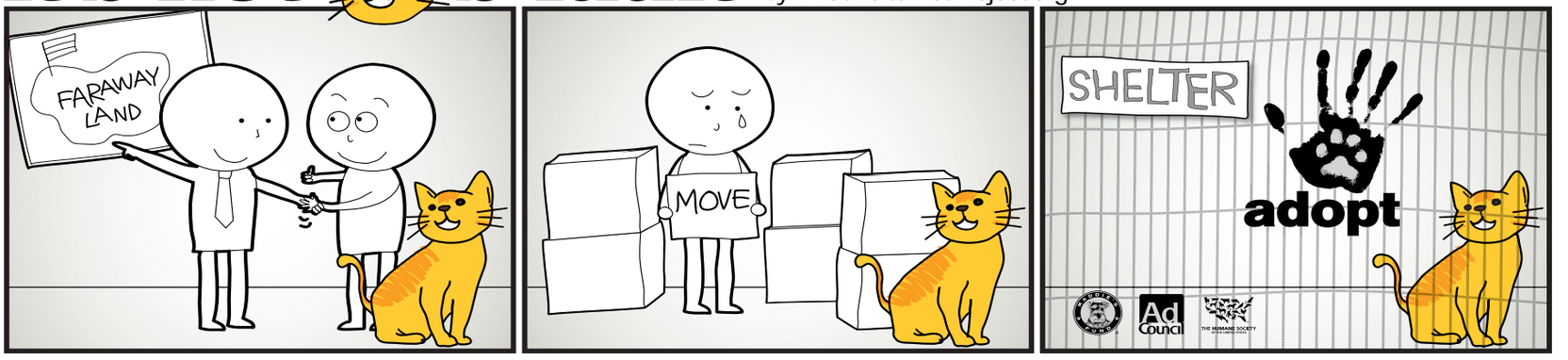

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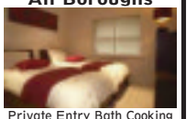

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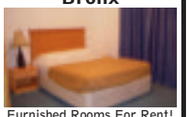

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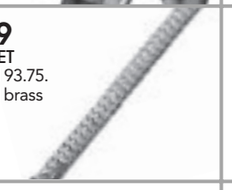

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